

Finding of No Significant Impacts

I have reviewed Environmental Assessment, OR-035-04-03, (OR-57803) including the explanation and resolution of any potentially significant environmental impacts. The subject lands have been examined by resource area specialists in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and other statutes relevant to the proposal.

To the extent possible, management practices and design features that avoid or minimize environmental harm have been included in the proposal. T-Mobile/VoiceStream has proposed to build their facility adjacent to the existing US Cellular site on Gold Hill. The new proposed facility will enhance cellular communication along Highway I-84 from Pendleton to Ontario, Oregon.

There are no significant effects associated with any threatened, endangered or sensitive plants or wildlife as a result of this project. There would be no adverse effects resulting from the implementation of the proposed action on cultural resources. Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act gives authority to authorize communication site use leases. An annual rental is required and is subject to the current cost recovery rental schedule for communication sites.

Through the documentation in the Environmental Assessment, I have determined that the proposed action will not have any significant impacts on the human environment and that an EIS is not required. I have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan.

s/Penelope Dunn-Woods

July 12, 2004

Baker Field Office Manager
Authorized Officer

Date